

There should never be restrictions of the sort proposed imposed on consumer electronics.

It is clearly the case that such restrictions will be abused by broadcasters. Perhaps abuse will not occur all of the time, but it will occur often enough to out-weigh any potential, perceived benefit they might have.

It's obvious that broadcasters have little or no incentive to avoid infringing consumer's rights. They will all arrive at the conclusion that it's better to flag all content as non-copyable, because there is a small potential upside to the restriction, and no downside (for them).